(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI
S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The Government proposes to set up new towers for common transmission infrastructure in Phase-ll of private FM radio broadcasting in the nine cities of Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Pune and Surat.

(c) and (d) The policy for expansion of FM radio broadcasting through Private Agencies (Phase-ll), *inter-alia,* provides that total Foreign Investment, including Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) as defined by RBI, including FDI by OCBs/NRIs/PIOs etc., Portfolio Investments by Flls (within limits prescribed by RBI) and borrowings, if these carry conversion options, will be permitted to the extent of not more than 20% of the paid up equity in the entity holding a permission for radio channel, subject to the conditions that: (a) One Indian Individual or company owns more than 50% of the paid up equity excluding the equity held by banks and other lending institutions, (b) The majority shareholder exercises management control over the applicant entity, (c) Has only Resident Indians as Directors on the Board and (d) All key executive officers of the applicant entity are also resident Indians.

Coverage of sport events

1497. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Prasar Bharati has recently offered affordable and lowcost live or deferred live coverage of the national and international level sport events; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan will undertake live/deferred live coverage of sports events at daily charges ranging between Rs. 60,700/- to Rs. 2,11,700/- per day (excluding service tax) depending upon the travelling distance involved, availability of technical infrastructure at the concerned Kendra etc. So far two federations have signed agreements with Doordarshan on this basis.